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COMMITTEE, WASH. D.C. FEB. 10-11, 1975

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MSG IN TWO PARTS

PART I

1. ST&E MEETING CONCLUDED WITH AGREEMENT ON MINUTES FEB 11.
TWO ORIGINALS SIGNED BY DR. RAY ARE BEING CARRIED TO IRAN
BY IRANIAN COMMITTEE MEMBER, A. MOAREFI, FOR SIGNATURE BY
DR. PARSA WHO LEFT BEFORE FINAL TEXT TYPED. ONE COPY WILL
BE RETAINED BY GOI, OTHER TO BE RETURNED TO OES THROUGH
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2. GOI DELEGATION CONSISTED OF:

DR. BAHMAN PARSA, CHAIRMAN
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MR. A. MOAREFI - DIR. GEN. MIN OF INDUSTRY & MINES

DR. J. ARKANI-HAMED - ASSOC. PROF. OF PHYSICS, ARYAMEHR
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MR. M. RABIEH - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

DR. F. SARABI - DEP. DIR. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

3. MEETINGS WENT SMOOTHLY ACCORDING TO AGREED AGENDA (REFTELS). OPPORTUNITY FOR IN DEPTH SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS

WERE SOMETIMES LIMITED BY LACK OF SPECIFIC EXPERTISE ON GOI SIDE (E.G. MEDICAL SCIENCES). ENTIRETY OF IRANIAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN MAJORITY OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS SET UP TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS AND FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT TASK OF THIS MEETING WAS FIRST TO DEFINE AREAS AND INTEREST AND METHODS OF COOPERATION. ALSO, IRANIANS DID NOT WISH TO BE SPECIFIC ON PROJECTS OR DETAILS IN ADVANCE OF ANSARY VISIT WHERE AREAS AND METHODS OF COOPERATION WOULD BE APPROVED.

PART II

4. TEXT OF AGREED MINUTE FOLLOWS:

MEETING OF THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE IRAN-UNITED STATES
JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
FEBRUARY 10-11, 1975

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT AND CONTENT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHING THE IRAN-UNITED STATES JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE IRAN-UNITED STATES JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 10 AND 11, 1975. THE IRANIAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY DR. BAHMAN PARSA, UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY DR. DIXY LEE RAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. THE AGENDA APPROVED
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BY THE COMMITTEE, AND THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE ATTACHED AS ANNEXES I AND II, RESPECTIVELY. THE COMMITTEE IDENTIFIED AND RECOMMENDS TO THE JOINT COMMISSION PRIORITIES AND INITIAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: OCEANOGRAPHY, SEISMIC STUDIES AND GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SURVEYS, REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS, RADIO ASTRONOMY, AND EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO BRIEFLY REVIEWED POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, ARID ZONES RESEARCH, SOLAR ENERGY, AND MATERIALS RESEARCH. THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO DEFER THESE AREAS AT THIS TIME AND

TO CONCENTRATE ACTION ON THE AREAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED.

IN ALL OF THE RECOMMENDED AREAS, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENHANCING COOPERATION BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS IN IRAN AND THE U.S. WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PROMOTING SISTER-INSTITUTION RELATIONSHIPS, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RESEARCH CENTERS IN IRAN. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER RECOGNIZED THE UTILITY OF EXCHANGES AND THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCES THROUGH VISITS AND INFORMATION EXCHANGES AS AN INITIAL MEANS TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION.

IN THE AREAS DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:
OCEANOGRAPHY

RECOGNIZING THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE OCEANS THEIR RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, IN ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR AND WELL BEING, THE JOINT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE INITIATION OF EFFORTS LEADING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY AS AN AREA OF COOPERATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. FORMATION OF ONE OR MORE CENTERS OF OCEAN STUDY AND EDUCATION IN IRAN IS AN ULTIMATE GOAL.

AS A FIRST STEP, AN IRANIAN TEAM SHOULD VISIT THE UNITED STATES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS OF ORIENTATION AND STUDY, WITH THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROBLEMS WHICH ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN THE U.S.
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SUBSEQUENTLY, A JOINT WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: 1) TO EXAMINE THOSE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF OCEANOGRAPHY OF MAJOR INTEREST TO IRAN, AND 2) TO PROPOSE SPECIFIC PROJECTS ON AGREED UPON ELEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE IN IRAN FOR APPLICATION TO THESE ELEMENTS.

THE MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP WILL BE AT THE CALL OF THE IRANIAN SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

SEISMIC STUDIES, GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SURVEYS

THE WORKING GROUP MAKES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION:

I. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL IN IRAN TO COORDINATE THE SELECTION OF A GROUP FROM THE RELATED INSTITUTIONS AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE INTERESTS ARE IN GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH TO VISIT THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH AT MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA AND

SELECTED UNIVERSITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING
DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT RESEARCH AND THE TRAINING
OF IRANIAN SCIENTISTS.

II. IN THE FIELD OF EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS THREE
PHASES OF ACTIVITY WILL BE UNDERTAKEN:

- 1) A VISIT TO IRAN WILL BE MADE BY ONE OR MORE
EXPERTS IN EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS TO IDENTIFY FIELDS OF
ACTIVITY OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN,
AND TO EVALUATE FACILITIES, PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT.
- 2) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
THAT PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN GEOPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES
OF INTEREST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN WILL BE IDENTIFIED
BY THE UNITED STATES SIDE.
- 3) UNITED STATES EXPERTS IN SELECTED FIELDS OF
GEOPHYSICS SHOULD PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN TECHNIQUES IN
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IRAN.

III. IN THE FIELD OF GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SURVEY
A CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF IRAN AND
THE UNITED STATES, OR BETWEEN THEIR APPROPRIATE GOVERN-
MENTAL AGENCIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN A BROAD RANGE OF
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYING AND EVALUATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES,
INCLUDING UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM
SATELLITES. A TRAINING PROGRAM IN THIS FIELD BOTH IN
IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO CONSIDERED HIGHLY
DESIRABLE.

REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS

IT WAS AGREED THAT:

1. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT WILL DESIGNATE ONE OF ITS
AGENCIES AS THE COORDINATING BODY FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION IN UTILIZATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA.
2. THIS AGENCY WILL THEN IDENTIFY THE DISCIPLINES
IN WHICH COOPERATION IS DESIRED AND PRESENT A SET OF
PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND TRAINING TO THE
UNITED STATES SIDE.
3. THE UNITED STATES SIDE WILL THEN CONSIDER THESE
PROPOSALS AND RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CAPABILITIES
AND CAPACITY.

RADIO ASTRONOMY

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT:

IN THE FIELD OF RADIO ASTRONOMY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE IN IRAN SUITABLE FOR UNIQUE UNDERTAKING, IS DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO ATTRACT HIGHLY QUALIFIED "INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS" FOR JOINT RESEARCH. DURING THE ALREADY ARRANGED TRIP OF DR. HAMED TO THE U.S. THE POSSIBILITIES WILL BE SOUGHT FOR COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN RADIO ASTRONOMY BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S.

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EDUCATION

1. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL STUDY OF WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND IRANIAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE EARLY REALIZATION OF IRANIAN OBJECTIVES. THIS STUDY SHOULD INCLUDE A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION AND A REVIEW OF BOTH EXISTING AND ANTICIPATED INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.
2. THE EXPANSION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AT THE GRADUATE STUDENT, RESEARCH SCHOLAR AND PROFESSORIAL LEVELS SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. TO FACILITATE THIS, THE BINATIONAL PROGRAM CONDUCTED UNDER THE IRANIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENT OF 1963 SHOULD BE ENLARGED AND MODIFIED TO INCLUDE COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR IRANIAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES AND THE INDIVIDUALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS PROGRAM ARE TO BE SUGGESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.
3. THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN SHOULD COOPERATE IN A SPECIAL EFFORT TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF ADVICE, COUNSELLING, ORIENTATION, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES TO IRANIAN STUDENTS WISHING TO ENTER AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.
4. BOTH PARTIES SHOULD SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES IN REGARD TO ADVANCES RECENTLY MADE IN THE METHODS OF TEACHING COURSES IN APPLIED AND NATURAL SCIENCES. DETAILS OF THIS COOPERATION ARE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH A TEAM OF IRANIAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS TO BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES.
5. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND ENLARGE IRANIAN AND AMERICAN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDY PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. IN THIS CONNECTION ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO THE IMPORTANT REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN STUDIES TO BE HELD IN TEHRAN IN THE FALL OF 1975.

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6. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF AUGMENTING THE TWO-WAY FLOWS OF STUDENTS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S. AT BOTH THE PRE-UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY LEVELS.

7. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ORGANIZE TEAMS OF EXPERTS IN AREAS TO BE JOINTLY DEFINED WHICH WOULD CONSULT WITH AND ADVISE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY. THIS ACTIVITY SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO A STUDY OF IRANIAN PLANS TO UTILIZE COMMUNICATION SATELLITES FOR THE TELEVISION TRANSMISSION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. ONCE SPECIFIC AREAS ARE AGREED UPON, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE ADVISORY GROUPS.

8. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SHARE WITH IRAN EXPERIENCES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTERS. ONCE IRAN HAS PROVIDED THE UNITED STATES WITH DETAILS OF ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING A CENTER, A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION SHOULD BE FORMULATED.

9. THE UNITED STATES SHOULD FACILITATE IRANIAN PROGRAMS TO TRAIN MORE TEACHERS OF TEACHERS. THE AREAS OF SPECIAL NEED, WHICH ARE TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, WILL FORM THE BASE OF SUCH PROGRAMS TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION WILL BE THE FOCAL POINT AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AGENT FOR THE ABOVE AGREED ON RECOMMENDED ACTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS WILL BE THE COORDINATING AGENT FOR THE AGREED RECOMMENDED ACTIONS FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. INGERSOLL

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